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1. AFTER SENDING REFTEL GORGE BRIEFED US, AT DE CUELLAR'S REQUEST ON THEIR CONVERSATION EARLIER IN THE DAY WITH DENKTASH. GORGE REPORTED THAT WHILE DENKTASH HAD GIVEN IN TO MOVING FIRST MEETING OF NICOSIA TALKS TO MAY 20, HE HAD REFUSED TO AGREE TO MORE THAN TWO MEETINGS BEFORE UNSC DEBATE ON UNFICYP.

2. GORGE SAID THAT AFTER INDICATING HIS AGREEMENT TO MAY 20, DENKTASH SAID THAT ONE MEETING BEFORE UNSC DEBATE SHOULD BE ENOUGH, BECAUSE THERE IS NOT NOW SUFFICIENT SUBSTANCE TO WARRANT MORE. DENKTASH ALSO SAID THERE COULD BE NO MEETING IN CYPRUS "WHEN I AM AWAY." ON QUESTIONING FROM DE CUELLAR, DENKTASH THOUGHT HE MIGHT BE BACK SOME TIME IN THE BEGINNING OF JUNE; HE SAID HE "MIGHT" GO TO LONDON AFTER COMPLETION OF ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE MAY 23 IN TRIPOLI.

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3. DE CUELLAR AND GORGE ARGUED WITH DENKTASH FOR 45 MINUTES ON THE DESIRABILITY OF MORE MEETINGS. THEY PUSHED FOR TWO A WEEK FROM MAY 20 TO FIRST WEEK IN JUNE BUT ALSO POINTED OUT THAT BARE MINIMUM OF MEETINGS WOULD BE TWO: ONE FOR CONSTITUTION, THE OTHER FOR TERRITORY. DENKTASH FINALLY AGREED TO TWO MEETINGS. HE DID NOT REJECT

OUTRIGHT, BUT STRONGLY IMPLIED HE WOULD NOT AGREE TO A THIRD MEETING UNTIL LATER IN JUNE. IN GORGE'S WORDS, DENKTASH "SEEMED TO IMPLY HIS SIDE WOULD HAVE HARDLY ANYTHING TO ADD ON THE SUBJECT OF TERRITORY FOR SOME TIME"; THUS IT WOULD NOT BE USEFUL TO HAVE VERY MANY MEETINGS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

4. GORGE AND DE CUELLAR HAVE ASKED NEW YORK FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO RESPOND TO DENKTASH. THEY DO NOT FEEL THIS IS HIS LAST CARD. GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE IS NOT YET AWARE OF DENKTASH POSITIONS ON NUMBER OF MEETINGS. IN MEANWHILE, WE HAVE PURSUED WITH ONAN (SEPTEL). CRAWFORD

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